

ABSTRACT

A method and system for establishing subscriber terminal communications. An actuator, which may be as simple as a single pushbutton switch for instance, may be engaged by a human so as to send an actuation signal to a controller that preferably resides external to the subscriber terminal. The controller receives the actuation signal and further receives an indication of the status of the subscriber terminal (such as whether the terminal is currently engaged in a call, is idle, or is ringing). Based on the actuation signal and the status of the subscriber terminal, the controller determines an action to be taken by the subscriber terminal. The controller then sends a directive to the subscriber terminal, which causes the subscriber terminal to take the action. In one arrangement, for instance, the action may be the subscriber terminal dialing digits that are sufficient to cause a dial-up connection to a voice-activated-dialing platform. Once connected to the platform, the human may then speak commands, which the voice-activated-dialing platform to which the platform may respond.